

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Rzucidlo on 1/14/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page one, before the first paragraph, please add the following:

Field of the Invention

On page one, first paragraph, please amend the following:

[0001] The present invention relates to a functional element for attachment to a sheet metal part such as for example a nut element or a bolt element having a body part or head part respectively which has at its first axial end, if required, a circularly cylindrical part and which merges at its other axial end into a cylindrical rivet section, in accordance with the preamble of claim 1, and also relates to a component assembly manufactured from the functional element and a sheet metal part in accordance with the preamble of claim 17.

On page one, before the second paragraph, on line 7, please add the following:

Background of the Invention

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On page two, before the second paragraph, on line 5, please add the following:

Summary of the Invention

On page six, before the second paragraph, on line 7, please add the following:

Brief Description of the Figures

On page seven, before the seventh paragraph, on line 13, please add the following:

Detailed Description of the Invention

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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